

nature programs



Bird Brains

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Fly on over to the Nature Center and learn all about birds and more specifically, how they use their amazing beaks. We'll 'fill the bill' as we use a variety of everyday objects to imitate the methods these wonderful creatures use to capture their food and eat. Hands on fun for ages 6-12, all materials provided.

6230.201 Th, 22-Jan 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Winter Night Hike

(Ages: 6 to Adult) Bundle up tight and come into the night ... We'll sip a bit o' hot chocolate, then set out to explore the evening woods of winter! Bring a flashlight, wear sturdy shoes with good traction, and dress warmly. Great for families - children must be able to hike quietly a mile (No one under six). Meet at Motts Run Nature Center.

6331.201 F, 23-Jan 7:00 PM - 8:15 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

ICE-BREAKER BASS TOURNAMENTS

Sunday, February 22

Sunday, March 8

7:30am until Weigh-In at
3:00pm



The Weekend Bassers Fishing Club will hold two winter open Ice Braker Fishing Tournaments at Motts Run Reservoir! All proceeds will benefit the Kids' Fishing Derby June 6th (a free fishing weekend).

For more information, call 372-1086 ext. 213.

We missed you...

Each class has a limited number of spaces - which may fill quickly. And on those classes that haven't already filled -- we may cancel due to lack of enrollment. Either way those who were planning to sign up at a later date miss out!! Don't wait to sign up!

Ground Hog Day

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) Kids, come celebrate Groundhog Day! We'll make our own little puppet to take home, have an earthy" treat, play, sing, learn groundhog lore, and more! For Kids aged 4&5 only — Parents attend at no charge.

6211.201 M, 2-Feb 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Birds of Motts

(Ages: 13 to Adult) Bring your binoculars and field guides (we have some for borrowing) to Motts Run Reservoir for a peek at our winter birds! We'll check the feeders for chickadees, nuthatches and other common resident songbirds, walk the woods in search of woodpeckers and the uncommon creeper, search the shoreline for sparrows and cardinals, and scope out the wintering buffleheads and grebes that may be stationed on the lake. Great for beginners and the experienced birder alike. Bundle up, wear waterproof footwear with good traction, and meet at the Motts Run Nature Center. For adults and teens.

6331.208 Sa, 7-Feb 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Eco-Explorer

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Hike over to Motts Run to take a winter scavenger hunt through the woods. We'll return to the Nature Center to discuss animal habitats, make a food chain, and end by making a homemade bird feeder for you to take home. For ages 6-12 Dress warmly and wear sturdy shoes.

6227.201 W, 18-Feb 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$8 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

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Wildlife Center of Virginia:

Home Sweet Habitat

(Ages: 4 to Adult) Back by popular demand, The Wildlife Center of Virginia will join us again to present live wild animals for an exciting exploration of their habitat needs. Learn about what you can do to help save the habitat of these amazing creatures. You won't want to miss this one. Saturday, February 21, 11 am. - 12 pm. Kids should be at least four and able to sit quietly for nearly an hour. Paying parents must attend with children—great fun for the entire family.

6516.201 Sa, 21-Feb 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Community Center Instructor: Wildlife Center of VA
\$7 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Composting for Kids

(Ages: 6 to 12yrs) Want to really help the environment? We'll learn everything you'll need to know to keep up to 50% of our waste stream out of the landfill and turn it in to black gold to use for free. Bring a bag of food scraps for a game at the end. No meat or bones please. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty.

6255.301 M, 16-Mar 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Awesome Orienteering!

(Ages: 9 to Adult) Spend an early spring afternoon learning the skills and adventure of orienteering! With map and compass in hand, we'll set out in search of hidden posts in the woods...who knows, we might even find a treat at the trail's end! Great fun for adults and kids alike—everyone pays. Excellent scouting opportunity. Wear sturdy footwear and dress for the weather (layers recommended). Compasses provided. Bring water.

6222.302 W, 18-Mar 4:15 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Seed Secrets

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) Let's learn all about seeds. We'll play a guessing game, look at seeds with hand lenses, talk about what's hidden inside and listen to a fun story. You'll even get to plant a seed and take it home with you. For pre-school children ages 4 & 5 with a parent. No siblings please.

6219.301 Tu, 31-Mar 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Stargazing in the Park

(Ages 8 to Adult) Join lifelong astronomer (and optometrist who knows his lenses), Myron Wasiuta, for a series of heavenly stargazing programs. You'll have an opportunity to discover the wonders of the universe through a powerful computer-controlled Celestron 14-inch telescope and other state-of-the-art equipment. Dress warmly and come prepared for a great adventure! Hot chocolate provided. Space is limited and all must pay. **Pre-registration required for EACH.**

"Observing Star Clusters and Nebulae" ~ Constellation Tour and Lore!

6525.201	Sa, 24-Jan	7:00-9:00pm
6525.202	Sa, 21-Feb	7:00-9:00pm

"Observing the Craters and Valleys of the Moon!" ~ Take a journey to another world.

6525.301	Sa, 7-Mar	7:00-9:00pm
6252.302	Sa, 4-Apr	8:00-10:00pm

(April 4th possible addition of magnificent rings of Saturn!)

Motts Run Reservoir Instructor: Wasiuta, Myron
\$4 City and Non-City Resident; \$10 per family of 3
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

OUTDOOR SUMMER CAMPS!

Details on Summer Camps in the Spring/Summer Catalog

Camp Wildwood ★ Camp Hideaway ★ Teen Adventure ★ Survivor

Summer Camp registration will begin: 4/21 City and 4/28 Non-City Residents.

Space if very limited for each camp!

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Nature Play For Preschoolers

(Ages: 4 to 5yrs) Hop on down for our popular Nature Play for Preschoolers! This spring, we'll learn about frogs, beavers, bird nests, bugs and more! We'll explore the lakeshore and trails, and on our final day go canoeing. Open to 4's and 5's only — sorry, no siblings, please! Classes held on Thurs. April 2, 9, 23, 30 and Tuesday May 5. Kids must bring their favorite grown up with them! (at no charge).

6210.305 Th, 2-Apr to 5-May 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$40 City, \$56 Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Wildflower Walk

(Ages: 8 to Adult) An annual favorite is back in bloom! Come search for spring wildflowers on this gentle woodland walk. We'll be on alert for spring beauty, bloodroot, cut-leaved toothwort and much more! Fun for adults and kids 8 and up (must attend with paying parent).

6310.302 Su, 19-Apr 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bailey, Linda
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Tricky Tracks

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Come trek through the woods and follow the water's edge and see if we can find out who was there before us, looking for animal tracks. We'll make a plaster cast to take home and discuss animal signs all around us. For ages 8-12. Wear shoes that can get muddy. Meet at the Alum Spring Picnic Shelter. Under 10 must attend with non-paying adult.

6228.301 Th, 23-Apr 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$6 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City



SEVENTH ANNUAL

EARTH DAY AT ALUM SPRING PARK

Saturday, April 25, 2009

11:00am - 3:00pm

FREE!



- Music & Food Vendors
- Environmental Booths
- Hands-on activities
- Group games for kids
- Plus! "King Henry the Oak" live at noon!

Volunteers and Sponsors Needed!

EARTH DAY is co-sponsored by the City of Fredericksburg and the Rappahannock Sierra Club. For more information: 372-1086 ext. 213.

Dipnetting for Dragonflies

(Ages: 4 to Adult) Here's a great way to start your Saturday—at Motts Run Reservoir! We'll search the greening lakeshore for aquatic insects and more. From tadpoles to insect larvae, tiny mosquito fish to crawfish...there's a world of wonder just beneath the water's surface. Great fun for adults and children (everyone pays) Wear your best mud shoes!

6229.303 Sa, 2-May 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Bryant, Doris
\$4 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

Nature Photography for Kids

(Ages: 8 to 12yrs) Just in time to enter the 27th Annual Fredericksburg Photography Show. Practice framing a good shot, discuss a few other tid bits and explore the lakeshore area to look for some great shots. Return to the Nature Center to upload photos and create a fun slide show and talk about which photo you might like to enter. (There is a separate fee for the photography contest) This is NOT a how to use your camera class. Please bring a camera, fresh batteries, and an EMPTY memory card. For kids ages 8-12, kids under 10 must come with their favorite adult.

6236.402 Sa, 9-May 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Motts Run Nature Center Instructor: Dempsey, Mimi
\$10 City and Non-City Resident
Registration Begins: 1/6 City 1/13 Non-City

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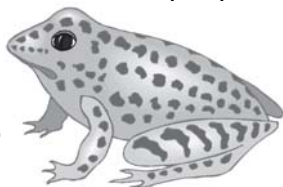


Junior Naturalist: Herps!

Mark your calendar for
Junior Naturalist: Herps!
Coming mid-May, 2009!

Join a group of 10-15 year olds as we uncover the wonderful world of **reptiles and amphibians!** This hands-on class will teach the proper collection, identification, care and feeding of frogs, toads, turtles and snakes, include an evening "Frog Walk" a snake search, and involve creating a terrarium and nature notebook. All participants will receive an embroidered patch! Those who complete 3 Junior Naturalist classes (others on trees, insects, birds) will get their name on a plaque in the nature center.

Registration will begin in April. Classes held 4-5:30 on Wed. May 13, 20, 27 and June 3rd.



NIGHT CATFISHING AT MOTTS RUN RESERVOIR

Bring your gear for bank fishing after hours!
Join us on Friday nights, 8:30pm-1:00am!
No pre-registration required.

May 8 May 22 June 12 June 26
July 10 July 24 August 14 August 28
September 11 September 25
8:30pm-1:00am

For more information, contact Don Minor at Motts, (540) 786-8989.



MOTTS RUN NATURE CENTER VOLUNTEERS

WANTED: Nature enthusiasts of all ages! Volunteers needed to staff the Motts Run Nature Center on weekends from April through October. A ten (10) hour commitment requested for the season. We'll teach you everything you need to know to be comfortable opening the center and sharing it's hands-on displays and resources with visitors. Must be 16 years of age. Parents may volunteer with their children.

Thurs. March 12th, 4:15-6pm

OR

Fri., March 13th, 9:15-11am
at the Motts Run Nature Center

**CHILDREN WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER WITH
THEIR PARENTS!**

CALL Linda Bailey to register 372-1086 x213

KIDS' FISHING DERBY

at Motts Run Reservoir

Saturday, June 6, 2009

9:00am - Noon

FREE! Ages 4 - 16 years

Fishing, boat rental, games, prizes, vendors, picnicking, hiking... fun for the entire family!

REGISTER at the event (7:30am - 10:30am)
VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS NEEDED!!

For information, call Linda Bailey at 372-1086 x 213

Sponsored by the Fredericksburg
Parks & Recreation and the Weekend Bassers.